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## CALDWELL COUNTY WILL HAVE A FAIR

Interesting Exhibits and Plenty of Amusement By Home Folks This Year.

(By Jas. A. Robinson.) Lenoir, N. C., Sept. 14.—The beautiful town of Lenoir, in Caldwell county, N. C., is doing wonderful things these days, and is not making a big fuss about it, either. Not being satisfied with adding lustre to her beauty by paving her streets in the most improved style, the people of the town and county have come together in a wisdom of purpose, never before known, and on the 2, 4 & 5 of October will pull off one of the most unique county fairs ever held in the state. As an evidence of their unity, liberality and determination, the grounds for the fair were leased for five years by Dr. A. A. Kent, of Lenoir, free of any charge whatever. Furniture manufacturers of the town have contrib-

ed furniture, the bankers gold coin, and all classes of business men have given liberally of their stock and wares, and these will be used for premiums, as well as cash prizes. It is a unique idea, and as a consequence, it is bringing together the wonderful resources and products of Caldwell county, and will be one of the most interesting displays of farm efforts, as well as the fruits of the orchards and gardens. It will be worth coming miles to see.

Caldwell county invites western North Carolina, and the state at large, to see what she can accomplish. It will be three gala days of pleasure and profit. The entertainments and amusements will be the best ever exhibited in North Carolina—clean and unquestionable. They will be profitable, instructive, amusing and in every way afford pleasing recreation and humorous fun to linger and cheer for the year to come. Thursday, the 4, school day, with a big parade of the school children of the county, will alone be worth seeing. Friends and neighbors will meet in a joyous celebration of the fruits of their labors, and with the superior attractions on the program, October 2, 4, 5 will be red letter days in Caldwell county, in the progressive town of Lenoir.

From ignorance our comfort flows. The only wretched are the wise. —Prior.

## DEATH OF MRS. KING WAS INVESTIGATED

### Upon Insistence of Newspaper Reporter Whose Suspicions Were Aroused.

The Asheville Times carries an interesting story showing how a newspaper reporter in Chicago brought about the investigation of the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, which has set the whole country talking.

"In this section Mrs. King was known personally to but very few people," says the Times, "even the fact that she had been a guest in Asheville, during a crowded season, with hundreds of visitors in the hotels was not even known to many people and not known to any newspaper. The bringing of the body to Asheville did not receive publicity—it was an ordinary event.

"But in Chicago it was different. A letter, without signature, went from Concord to the Chicago police—this letter awakened interest in the mind of the man on the staff of The Chicago Tribune, Harry Friend, whose duty it is to handle police matters. He read the note and his brain grasped the news of the Concord writer. This note was handed to a 'plain clothes' of the Chicago police department.

"Harry Friend got busy. He went after the history of Mrs. Maude A. King. He wrote the first story. It told of her childhood, the pretty and attractive girl of Morristown, Ill., the child-wife of an aged millionaire lumber king. The death of the husband, the breaking of the will, the subsequent career of the dashing widow in New York City and Paris, her second marriage and divorce.

Then Friend traced the connection of Gaston Bullock Means with the widow. His evident control of her money, her actions and her conversation. He studied the evidence of the Concord coroner. The fact that a tar-sock practice was held at night, after dark, in a peculiar lonely desolate wooded section, along side a little traveled road, and that a woman was dead with a bullet wound in the back of her head aroused his suspicions.

The Letter.  
"Then there was the letter, unsigned, but strikingly interesting. This letter with the reference to individuals stricken out reads as follows:

## Everything

"Every one in Concord believes that Mrs. Maude King was murdered. It is the most dastardly crime ever committed in this place, and we hope that Chicago, the home of Mrs. King, (who lived much of her time in New York,) will take this matter up and see that the murderer gets justice. There are many motives for the crime and when you get busy you will find them out. If you will have her body examined you will see that she could not have shot herself behind the ear. No one here credits the explanation of the crime and the good people of this place hope that Chicago and New York will combine in clearing up this mystery.

"Harry Friend, reporter for The Tribune, read the note over and over and he went to Judge George Kerston, of the criminal bench of the circuit court. The judge had retired but he got out of bed, issued an order for the examination of the body. Reporter Friend went after Dr. William Burmeister, of the Northwestern University, a celebrated pathologist. Dr. Burmeister had retired but that did not matter, he dressed. Then Coroner Hoffman and Detective Sergeant John Russell with Dr. Burmeister and Reporter Friend visited Graceland cemetery and at the hour of midnight, the body of Mrs. Maude A. King, who met death in the woods of Cabarrus county, North Carolina, was taken from its burial place and examined carefully.

"Dr. Burmeister made his report—it said, 'the wound was such as a 32 calibre, steel jacket bullet would make. The entrance of the bullet was about two inches forward of the center of the skull, behind the left ear. It showed no signs of burns nor revolver marks, indicating that the revolver was at a considerable distance when discharged. The bullet passed through the brain, coming in contact with the skull interior of the forehead where the steel jacket was found. The lead portion of the bullet curved to the right side of the brain, where it was found and removed by Dr. Burmeister, who now has it in his possession.

"The Chicago Tribune printed the story of the midnight autopsy and the Illinois authorities demanded of the North Carolina authorities that some further investigation be made.

"If it had not been for the thoughtfulness of a Chicago newspaper worker—Harry Friend—the mystery of the end of Mrs. Maude A. King would not have become the talk of the nation. This mystery may never be solved—but the facts that have been brought out will be remembered a long time.

"Harry Friend came to Asheville. He visited Mrs. Robinson, the aged mother of Mrs. Maude A. King. He told Mrs. Robinson the story of his investigation. He made very clear to her his belief that it was a physical impossibility for Mrs. King to have shot herself—in any possible manner, and certainly not as has been described by Gaston Means. The lack of powder burns on the head proves that the shot must have been fired at some distance; the location of the wound denies self-infliction, according to the Chicago authorities.

"Who fired the shot? The question lives and attracts the attention of the reading public."

New York, Sept. 12.—Assistant District Attorney Dooling, who is in charge of the investigation here into the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, at Concord, N. C., announced today that after an all-night examination of papers and correspondence belonging to Gaston B. Means, he had found sufficient evidence to warrant indictments for grand larceny against one or more persons for alleged looting of the King estate.

The assistant prosecutor said he found in Means' effects a paper upon which was an agreement whereby Means was to receive \$500,000 in case the new will of Mrs. King's husband, which is now up for probate, got through successfully.

Means was business manager for Mrs. King and was witness of her death on August 23, by a pistol shot. Mr. Dooling was accompanied to the criminal court building from Means' apartment here by Afton Means, a brother of Gaston, and by Henry Detsch, Afton's father-in-law, under subpoena, who were expected to go before the grand jury today.

Mr. Dooling further said that Afton Means had told him he had come to New York for the trunk filled with correspondence and papers which was in Gaston Means' apartment.

The trunk contained among other documents, he said, papers which showed a great amount of work had been done by experienced hands in preparing for a possible contest of the new will being correspondence between lawyers, handwriting experts and typewriting experts, whom Mr. Dooling said had been engaged to assist in carrying through the probate of the will.

The assistant district attorney further stated that there was also considerable evidence showing how \$1,000,000 of the King estate had been spent in the purchase of checks drawn to a person whose name he withheld and a number of letters from brokers asking additional margin.

There was also a bank book of a certain national bank in this city, he said, which showed deposits in one year of \$100,000, all of which had been checked out.

## Teuton Errors Saved Allies Says Bonar Law

London, Sept. 12.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking today at a luncheon given by the Empire Parliamentary association to Medill McCormick, congressman-at-large for Illinois, said:

"In everything connected with the military arm, the Germans have shown remarkable results, even genius. But in dealing with questions of human nature, they have repeatedly made mistakes which have been the salvation of the entente allies. No mistake they have made will be so great in its consequences as that which drove the United States into the war."

## Allies Not to Scare Sweden, Says Press

Stockholm, Sept. 12.—The conservative newspaper Dagbladet prints a bitter editorial on the statements in the British and American press concerning the Luxburg affair. The newspaper says:

"The barrage fire from New York and London editors will fall entirely to frighten Sweden out of its neutrality."

The Svenska Dagbladet resents what it terms "interference in Swedish domestic problems" and says the allied press is utilizing the present difficulties as propaganda for the formation of a "Swedish party." The newspaper adds:

"All attempts to differentiate between a criminal government and a deceived people in this case is doomed to disappointment. All hints as to how we are to group our political parties will not affect us."

## Geographers Are Touring State For Information

Dr. A. E. Parkins professor of Geography at the Peabody College for Teachers of Nashville, Tenn., arrived in the city yesterday accompanied by Mr. E. R. Casto, of the college and M. C. Payne a student of Vanderbilt, and a son of the president of Peabody college.

They are touring North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia during the month of September, studying the conditions as to how geography relates to the people. For the past week they were in the mountains of western North Carolina, studying the mineral and forest conditions, also the agricultural conditions and living of the mountain people. Since leaving Asheville they stopped at Morganton and Salisbury studying the mill conditions and the rock quarries near Salisbury. Today they are making an inspection of the three large cotton mills here. Investigating the different things manufactured and the conditions surrounding the mill villages relative to drainage, etc. They will leave tonight for Durham, there to study the tobacco manufacturing in all its phases.

It is Dr. Parkins intention of getting the best information on all subjects possible, so that the students of Peabody will know something of the actual geographical conditions in their own southern states. The party spoke very highly of Greensboro, and were greatly surprised at the large cotton plants here and especially were pleased at the way that the employees are provided for.

## U. S. Envoy to Switzerland Summoned to Capital

Washington, Sept. 12.—Argentina's action in handing passports to Count Luxburg, because of his intrigue in sending secret dispatches to the Berlin foreign office through the Swedish unexpected to officials of this government and foreign office, was not ment, although it only is a beginning of remedial measures for what is regarded as a dangerous situation.

The principal action must come from Sweden, which bears the burden of showing that here diplomatic service in other neutral countries is not acting as Germany's go-between.

The Argentine government's action may signalize a full realization of the extent of the German intrigue within her borders.

## Petrograd Food Shortage May Hamper Loyal Army

Washington, Sept. 12.—A shortage of foodstuffs in Petrograd may make more difficult the defense of the Russian capital by the Kerensky government against the troops led by General Korniloff. Dispatches to the state department from Ambassador Francis said that an evacuation of Petrograd by a part of the civilian population was under way and gave as a reason the scarcity of supplies rather than military reasons. The dispatches were sent three days ago.

## INGENIOUS (Detroit Free Press.)

"Your wife is very ingenious." "I should say so. It seems to me she finds a new place to hide my dress shirt every time."

## Negro Officers Not to Be Graduated Until Oct. 15

Washington, Sept. 12.—Because it has deferred mobilization of negroes in the national army, the war department today postponed graduations at the negro officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, one month until October 15. Instruction will continue until then.

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- William Brown, 487 pounds for \$137.42; average \$28.16.
- J. H. Smith, 395 pounds for \$80.15; average \$30.00.
- Jingle & Dick, 372 pounds for \$106.24; average \$28.56.
- J. M. Wilson, 346 pounds for \$96.50; average \$27.89.
- Hubbard & Young, 372 pounds for \$113.22; average \$30.43.
- William Forsythe, 409 pounds for \$120.09; average \$29.36.
- Harris & Winfrey, 431 pounds for \$122.67; average \$28.46.
- W. T. Riggins, 281 pounds for \$92.75; average \$33.00.
- Morton & Pugh, 416 pounds for \$125.56; average \$30.90.
- C. A. Brown, 844 pounds for \$207.16; average \$24.54.
- R. E. Cobb, 224 pounds for \$61.39; average \$27.40.
- Michael & Maxwell, 316 pounds for \$85.04; average \$26.92.
- Mrs. D. E. Michael, 202 pounds for \$53.71; average \$26.59.
- W. R. Poole, 445 pounds for \$137.17; average \$30.82.
- R. F. McCuiston, 355 pounds for \$91.09; average \$25.66.
- J. R. Jessup, 402 pounds for \$120.00; average \$30.00.
- J. H. Lowe, 597 pounds for \$169.61; average \$28.40.
- Miles Chrismon, 326 pounds for \$103.84; average \$30.85.
- Allen & Marsh & P., 335 pounds for \$107.51; average \$32.09.
- J. F. Farrington, 346 pounds for \$105.26; average \$30.42.
- W. Y. Warrin, 234 pounds for \$62.70; average \$26.79.
- Enoch & Brown, 703 pounds for \$214.27; average \$30.31.
- Hubbard & James, 475 pounds for \$147.67; average \$31.09.
- W. J. Roberson, 390 pounds for \$105.12; average \$26.95.
- Angel & Rhodes, 310 pounds for \$90.95; average \$29.33.
- J. R. Davenport, 518 pounds for \$151.76; average \$29.29.
- Scoggins & Taylor, 290 pounds for \$80.64; average \$31.25.
- Wade Stafford, 518 pounds for \$163.90; average \$31.64.
- W. H. Brookbank, 708 pounds for \$226.62; average \$31.92.
- C. H. King, 512 pounds for \$150.89; average \$29.45.

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## 130,000 Firms Make Food Reports to Market Bureau

Washington, Sept. 12.—Reports indicating the amount of food, stuffs held in stock have been submitted to the bureau of markets, of the department of agriculture, by more than 130,000 firms, in accordance with the recent act of Congress authorizing a national food census.

Returns, says a department statement today, show that firms are not only filing the required schedules, but are endeavoring to assist the campaign in every manner possible.

## Meat Prices Not to Be Lowered, Assert Packers

Washington, Sept. 12.—That a decrease in the prevailing high meat prices cannot be expected unless cattle production greatly is stimulated, was among today's developments at the national conference of meat packers. With no possibility of an abatement in the allies' demands, prospects are that prices will be maintained at their present level unless the desired expansion of the industry is realized.

Herbert Hoover has accepted the offer of the packers to put their plants under a licensing system, and government regulation of the meat business will be the next move of the food administration.

Two things are essential to the realization of the progress we seek; the declaration of a principle and its incarnation in action.—Marzini.